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# Provinces join forces

### Ontario, Quebec premiers tout might of 'Central Canada'

In an extraordinary muscle-flexing display from Canada's two largest provinces, Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty and Quebec Premier Jean Charest emerged yesterday from a historic joint cabinet meeting touting a renewed economic and political powerhouse: Central Canada.

The federal government's relevance to Canadians on matters from the environment to trade has eroded to a point where Ontario and Quebec are resolving to "move the ball  $\,$ 

### 'cap-and-trade' plan

On the environment, the Quebec premier said Harper will be left with no choice but to follow Ontario and Quebec's lead on a so-called "cap-and-trade" plan for carbon emissions — a break with the federal Tories' plan to institute "intensity-based" emissions targets that are based on fostering economic growth.

forward" on their own, McGuinty

After escalating the rhetoric in their spat with Ottawa over a proposal to limit greenhouse gas emissions, McGuinty and Charest opened a new front, brazenly instructing the federal government to sign a free trade deal with the European Union.

The premiers suggested Prime Minister Stephen Harper is now

such a peripheral figure in the political equation that he's even less than the "head waiter to the provinces" in Pierre Elliott Trudeau's famous putdown of former prime minister Joe

"He's not in the restaurant ... and we're not looking for him," McGuinty said at a news conference to mark a series of accords signed during the first-ever joint cabinet meeting between the provinces.

Environment Minister John Baird yesterday played down the meeting of Canada's two most populous provinces.

"I think it is somewhat disingenuous to come out and sign a piece of paper, which is a memorandum of understanding saying that finally because no action is being taken they are going to set up a trading system. Listen, we've got an aggressive plan to require ... the big polluters to cut their greenhouse gas emission by an absolute 20 per cent. We are committed to that — it is important, it is necessary."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

### Deaths stun friends of 'regular guy'

By TIM WIECLAWSKI Metro Ottawa

While Ottawa police continued their investigation last night into Saturday's apparent murder-suicide, friends of Ryan Sawchuk in Calgary expressed astonishment the "regular guy" they knew could be a suspected killer

Wes Jardine, Sawchuk's occasional defence partner on both the Calgary Beefcakes and Vipers summer hockey squads, said the 28-year-old Calgarian was a skilled player, a joker, easygoing and a guy he never would have thought capable of violence against his fiancée, Alicia Bateman, 28.

"He was a regular guy, no demons, no issues that anyone was aware of anyway," Jardine said yesterday.

Autopsies on the bodies of Bateman and Sawchuk were being conducted in Kingston yesterday to officially determine causes of death after both were discovered in an Orleans home following an emergency call. Metro confirmed reports Bateman had been strangled in the garage of her home at 302 Cote Royale Cres., while Sawchuk was found in the home, hanging from a noose.

In the couple's hometown of Calgary, friends and family were stunned by the news. "We're all still struggling to find out what went wrong," Jardine said.

Sawchuk was "an outgoing" and "very nice young man," who was "madly in love" with Bateman, according to his grandmother, Mary Sawchuk. He had golfed in a tournament in Calgary before booking a flight to Ottawa Saturday morning. By 5 p.m., the couple, who had reportedly broken up a week earlier, were dead.

A relative of Bateman's said the family was "devastated" but not prepared to talk when contacted by Metro yesterday.

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# Eyes on the skies

Vintage Wings pilot Michael Potter, front, inspects his Spitfire for takeoff yesterday while Canadian Forces Capt. Billy Mitchell, back, prepares his CF-18 Hornet at a preview event for the upcoming Air Show Ottawa, which returns this month after a one-year hiatus. Story, page 2.

# ottawa FREE



The city will cap Environment Week June 7-8 with a Give Away Weekend – an event intended to divert unwanted household items from landfills by giving residents a chance to put them out at curbside, for interested treasure hunters to pick up and reuse.

# Bus drivers take heat for injuries

But schedules won't and more accidents on buses allow slowing for seniors, union says

By TRACEY TONG Metro Ottawa

OC Transpo drivers are being asked to ease off the pedal until their elderly passengers are seated, after several seniors suffered injuries on city buses this year.

"We're hearing about more

in regards to drivers taking off and putting on brakes too quickly and people falling," said Ardyth Elliott, outgoing chairwoman of the Seniors Advisory Committee's transportation section.

"One accident is one too many. We have a growing senior population so it's something that needs to be addressed now."

A recommendation going to the transit committee tomorrow asks that drivers receive "adequate training and instructions to give senior passengers sufficient time to be seated, or to have a stable stance before the bus pro-

The group also contends that seniors are being dissuaded from using transit because of some drivers' reluctance to lower ramps on kneeling buses, or to announce stops.

But it's not the drivers'

faults, said Andre Cornellier, president of the city's Amalgamated Transit Union local, who said he's "fed up" with transit's shortcomings being blamed on operators.

"In order to keep the bus on time, they have to go fast,' Cornellier said. "They can't have it both ways. They're going to have to give us more time. Stopping and waiting for people to sit down takes

"We wouldn't mind stop-

« Time is money and OC Transpo doesn't want to give us the time because it's going to cost them more money.»

> Andre Cornellier local transit union president

ping and waiting for people and being courteous, but the bottom line is time. Time is money and OC Transpo doesn't want to give us the time because it's going to cost them more money."

Elliott said the committee understands the dilemma

"Many ... drivers are doing an excellent job," said Elliott. "And we've even heard of some drivers who get out of their seat to assist people."

The committee also recommends that OC Transpo route planners provide a wider time frame for drivers' schedules.

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# Feline influx taxing city shelter

More than 230 in need of a home

By TRACEY TONG Metro Ottawa

Every spring, the cats come back ...

The Ottawa Humane Society is struggling with a sea-

adoptions

» The current

claim rate for

cats is 4.5 per

stray dogs.

» In a bid to

adopt out more of the animals.

OHS officials are

offering a 'two-

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sonal flood of stray and lost cats again this year, with more than 230 of the animals already crowding the shelter, and many more predicted to come.

"Every vear when the weather turns warm, we see a rise in the number of animals admitted each day," said OHS executive director Bruce Roney.

While this year's numbers are still far short of the record 350 cats, and less than 2007's high of 340, shelter staff note it is still early and that the influx of felines is a spring phenomenon that

"We're able to care for them right now," said OHS spokeswoman Tara Jackson, "but it's a strain on our resources to care for, clean and feed that many animals."

Jackson said it's difficult to determine how much the cats are costing the shelter.

"It depends on how long

the animal is with us," she said. "If it's a lost animal returned to an owner, there's less cost associated with that than if an animal is with us for weeks."

The animals arrive as strays and because their owners surrender them. Many don't

have identification tags, and are more difficult to return than dogs.

"It's really a problem, the disposable attitude that people have towards cats in our community," said Jackson.

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Adrienne Turner, adoption counsellor with the Ottawa Humane Society, says the shelter is full with an annual spring influx of stray cats, including Kermit, left, and Fozzie.

### Air Show Ottawa back minus fuel-guzzlers

By TIM WIECLAWSKI Metro Ottawa

Prepare to be rocked by a Hurricane ... a Spitfire ... a Mustang and dozens of other vintage and modern aircraft that will take to the skies above Carp for Air Show Ottawa this month.

After financial struggles grounded the show last year, some budget changes and new venue arrangements have Air Show Ottawa cleared for take off again June 28-29.

Air Show president Grant Kirkpatrick said the show has beefed up its land-based entertainment, with a midway for young children and several planes on the ground — such as a U.S. Hercules transport — that people can board. But the main event, as always, will keep eyes in the skies, where the Canadian Forces will be flying in the fleet.

"They are bringing everything in their inventory," said Kirkpatrick. "If it flies in the Canadian inventory, it will be

### parking ban

» An onsite-parking ban is new this year. Visitors will be asked to park at Mitel or the Kanata Research Park. and an OC Transpo bus that runs every five minutes will shuttle people to the site, taking about 12 minutes.

at Air Show Ottawa."

Large, fuel-guzzling private planes will be absent this year. Kirkpatrick said the event's \$300,000 budget could not accommodate the big burners.

"What kills us is the fuel," he said. "It's staggering how much these planes go through and that's where the cost is."

Several private planes will fly, including four Second World War fighters brought in from Vintage Wings. Michael Potter with Vintage Wings said this marks the airshow debut for a Corsair fighter painted to resemble the plane Robert Hampton Gray — the last Canadian awarded the Victoria Cross - would have flown during Pacific missions.

### »news In Brief

ATTACK An 18-year-old woman fought off a knifewielding assailant on Albion Road Saturday morning, police reported yesterday. At 7:45 a.m., the victim was walking when a man with a knife grabbed her from behind and attempted to pull her into a nearby yard. The victim resisted, began to yell and the suspect fled towards Lester Road. The woman was shaken, but was uninjured.

The suspect is described as a white male in his 20s, between five-foot-seven and five-foot-nine tall with a medium build. He was dark-coloured baseball cap at the time. Anyone with information on the incident can contact the Ottawa Police Abuse Section at 613-236-1222, ext. 5757.

METRO OTTAWA

### By TRACEY TONG Metro Ottawa

The massive Ottawa River sewage spill that made headlines here last week warrants a review of the city's Employee Code of Conduct, with accountability as its new centrepiece.

So says Gloucester-South Nepean Coun.

Desroches, who will table a motion at committee today to update the Employee Code of Conduct with an accountability clause.

Sewage spill prompts call for staff accountability clause

"I was deeply concerned with respect to the sewage in Orleans," said Desroches.

Recently, an employee admitted misleading the city about informing the Ministry of Environment about a billion litres of raw sewage that spilt into the Ottawa River. But Ottawa and District Labour Council president Sean McKenny said it's premature blame the city staffer.

The employee may have been fired last week, but "who knows where this will end up?" McKenny said.

The auditor general is prob-

ing the incident, but Desroches said there is also an opportunity to strengthen employees' conduct code, adding "accountability should be the centrepiece ... not referenced vaguely in sections."

However, McKenny said "It's pretty easy to blame the workers and have absolutely no accountability directed towards yourselves at all."



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The Ontario Court of Appeal has dismissed an appeal by Charlene Walsh, a former Tim Horton's employee in Toronto who sued the company for \$10 million alleging she had been wrongfully fired after being accused of stealing a toonie in 1999.

# McDonough retires

First woman to lead a major party set to step down

By ROBYN YOUNG Metro Halifax

While friends and family members welled up with tears, Alexa McDonough remained composed yesterday as she calmly announced the end of her 29-year political

She told a packed hall at Halifax's Lord Nelson Hotel she intends to leave Ottawa come the next federal election.

"I feel very strongly that it is the right thing to do and this is the right time to do it," the NDP MP for Halifax told the assembled crowd.

McDonough entered politics in 1980, when she took

### positive reasons

» McDonough said her decision to retire has nothing to do with the party or leader Jack Layton. "I have 100 per cent positive reasons, and a long list of them," she said, smiling at her grandchildren.

over leadership of Nova Scotia's NDP. She was the first female leader of a recognized Canadian political party.

She was the leader of the federal NDP from 1995 to 2003 and was elected to Parliament in 1997.

Since she stepped down as leader of the federal NDP in 2003, McDonough has concentrated on international development and peace advocacy. She said she would continue working in these areas, but would not take up another political appointment.



NDP MP Alexa McDonough receives flowers from her granddaughter Abbie Jean, 6, after announcing she would not be running in the next federal election.

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### Committee to probe Bernier security breach

A parliamentary committee will launch an inquiry into the Maxime Bernier scandal next week in the wake of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's refusal to hold an independent investigation.

Opposition MPs on the public safety committee yesterday outvoted the Conservative minority to push ahead with an inquiry into the secu-



rity breach involving Bernier and ex-girlfriend Julie Couillard

"Since Mr. Harper is refusing to call a full public inquiry, we will do this," said Liberal committee member MP Ujjal Dosanjh, referring to the Bloc Québécois motion to hold the hear-

Starting a week today, the committee will look into the facts surrounding the disgraced former foreign affairs minister's resignation.

It has set aside four days for hearings and will sit even if the Commons adjourns for the summer. Along with Bernier and Couillard, Harper is on the list to be called to TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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### polygamy

### Special prosecutor to look at Bountiful

**ALLEGATIONS** The Bountiful, B.C., polygamist community belonging to the same breakaway religious sect that was raided by Texas authorities in April is again facing possible criminal charges, officials said yesterday.

A special prosecutor has been appointed to look at allegations of misconduct in community whose members have quietly practiced polygamy since the late 1940s.

REUTERS

### Farewell **Bourdon laid to rest**



Luc Bourdon's great aunt Monique Chiasson, left, and girlfriend Charlène Ward, speak at his funeral yesterday in Shippagan, N.B. Over 2,000 people turned out to honour Bourdon, a defenceman for the Vancouver Canucks, who died in a motorcycle accident last week.

### »news In Brief

BASRUR Dr. Sheela Basrur, whose calm demeanour in the face of a terrifying crisis made her a trusted public figure during the deadly SARS outbreak in Toronto five years ago, has died after battling a rare form of cancer, a family form of cancer, a fami spokesperson said yesterday.

Basrur, 51, later became Ontario's chief medical officer of health, but it was her role during the 2003 outbreak speaking to the public in measured, reassuring tones easing the jangled nerves of a frightened city — that made her a household name. **POLL** The federal Conservatives widened their lead against the Liberals in an opinion poll published yesterday as voters shrugged off Maxime Bernier's resignation after he left confidential documents at the home of an ex-girlfriend. The Ipsos Reid poll said 36 per cent

of voters supported the Conservatives, up from 35 per cent a month earlier. Support for the Liberals fell to 29 per cent from 32 per cent. Support for the NDP was unchanged at 14 per cent. The Greens rose to 11 per cent from 9 per cent. METRO NEWS SERVICES



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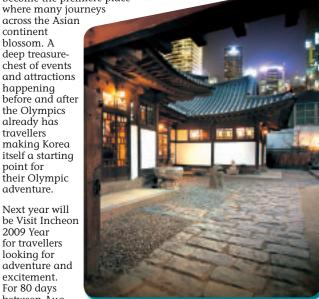
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In fact, with a wealth of worldclass events on the horizon. Korea is revving up for the continuing influx of adventureseekers from around the world with its Visit Korea Campaign from 2010-2012. Korean culture, already celebrated by experienced travellers as among the world's most memorable and inviting, will offer more entertainment, festivals, culinary delights and unique experiences than ever before.

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# Is Clinton done?

### Speculation rife that she'll end bid

Hillary Clinton comes home to New York today, surrounded by family and her most loyal supporters, amidst signs she will bow to the mathematical reality that Barack Obama will be the Democratic party's 2008 presidential nominee.

Voting for the nomination ends today and the race could sputter on after the polls close,

according to aides

Clinton aides cautioned that she would not concede tonight — five months to the night that Obama shocked the onetime frontrunner in frigid Iowa.

but there were reports that Clinton is shedding campaign staff, there is no campaign itinerary after tonight and she and Obama will be in the same city with Democratic leaders tomorrow.

The clearest hint that the end was here came from her

chief campaigner, former president Bill Clinton, who either slipped badly off message again or signalled his wife's last hurrah. "This may be the last day I'm ever involved in a campaign of this kind," he said in South Dakota yesterday.

### England PM stands by terror plan



A woman walks past graffiti on a wall in London yesterday. British Prime Minister Gordon Brown said yesterday he would stick to his principles over plans to detain terrorism suspects for longer prior to being charged despite the prospect of a humiliating defeat in parliament.

### »news In Brief

- RULING A Texas judge yesterday allowed over 400 children removed from the polygamist Yearning for Zion ranch in West Texas to return to their parents. The judge ordered parents to be ready for unannounced home visits by authorities and barred them from taking the children out of Texas without court approval.
- MARIJUANA Long-term heavy use of marijuana may cause two important brain structures, the hippocampus and amygdala, to shrink, Australian researchers said yesterday.
- PEOPLE Rock 'n' roll pioneer Bo Diddley, who banged out hit songs powered by the relentless "Bo Diddley beat," influencing rockers from Buddy

Holly to U2, died yesterday of Florida at the age of 79.

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## Neil appears in Bangkok court

### Canadian accused of abusing boys

A Thai court began the formal trial yesterday of Canadian pedophile suspect Christopher Neil, seven months after he was arrested in a global manhunt triggered by "swirly face" images of abuse found on the Internet.

Neil, his wrists and ankles shackled as he appeared in the Bangkok Criminal Court, pleaded not guilty to four charges of molesting and distributing pornographic images of two Thai boys.

"I deny all the charges as I have done nothing wrong," Neil said. If found guilty, the 32-year-old could spend up to



Christopher Paul Neil sits in a detention cell at the Bangkok Criminal Court yesterday.

20 years in jail. Neil presented a list of four defence witnesses and refused to pay 300,000 baht in compensation demanded by the parents of one of the boys. The next hearing was due on October 7, Neil's lawyer said.

### **Britain**

### UK airliner plot a 'stunt', suspect says

TRIAL A British Muslim accused of plotting to blow up transatlantic airliners told a court yesterday he was planning a publicity stunt to draw viewers to a documentary film about British and U.S. foreign policy.

Opening the defence's case in a widely watched trial, Abdulla Ahmed Ali told the court he and his friends had hoped to grab the world's attention but did not intend to kill anyone. Prosecutors say the suspects intended simultaneously blow up a number of planes in mid-air from London's Heathrow airport to the U.S. and Canada. potentially killing hundreds of people, before they were caught in August 2006. REUTERS

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## In Brief

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- » AIRWAYS The global airline industry is set to turn to a loss this year, possibly as high as \$6.1 billion US, as carriers struggle with sky-high fuel prices, the International Air Transport
  Association (IATA) said
  yesterday. REUTERS

## No oil shortage: Shell

### CEO echoes OPEC, savina market is well-supplied

Royal Dutch Shell Chief Executive Jeroen van der Veer said vesterday he did not see any shortage of physical oil supplies, echoing the view of many OPEC ministers who say the world market is wellsupplied.

Oil prices have risen more

### differing opinion

Japan's trade minister said yesterday that major world oil producers must stop shirking the blame for mally" high oil prices, adding that it would be difficult to enforce investment restrictions to temper prices.

than fourfold since 2004 and gained about a third this year, partly on increased fears among investors that producers will struggle to produce enough oil to meet demand in a decade's time.

"There are no physical

shortages in the world. We don't have ships waiting in the Middle East, no people queuing up for gasoline," van der Veer told reporters in Kuala Lumpur, where he was briefing on Shell's Asian business plan.

### Building industry faces 'urgent' need: Report

### Employment up 39% in last 5 years

Canada needs at least an additional 250,000 construction workers over the next eight years to keep pace with new projects and replenish an aging workforce, a report by the Construction Sector Council.says.

Canada-wide, employment in the industry has increased by a record 39 per cent over the last five years, but that influx won't be enough, said the report.

"The immediate and urgent need is for qualified and experienced workers," it said.

Alberta and B.C. are hardest hit by the shortage of workers. Ontario is expected to have zero growth in its construction labour force over the next four years. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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### Buyers' confidence hits low

Consumer confidence in Canada has plummeted to its lowest level in about seven years, and skyrocketing gasoline prices may be at least partly to blame for the soured sentiment, the Conference Board of Canada says.

The board's monthly index of consumer confidence fell

seven points to 85.8 in May, the lowest point since December 2001, as Canadians fretted about their future incomes and ability to make major purchases.

The board's latest survey is based on more than 2.000 telephone interviews made in early May. Torstar News Service

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# sports



Lorena Ochoa, left, the world's No. 1-ranked player, announced yesterday she will be in Ottawa Aug. 11-17 to defend her CN Canadian Women's Open title at the Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Au revoir, Sharapova

Top seed ousted by compatriot at French Open

Maria Sharapova's French Open dreams were shredded by a familiar foe yesterday, while Roger Federer plunged a dagger into French hearts.

Sharapova has never felt at home in the heartland of claycourt tennis and yesterday her weakness was unashamedly exposed during a 6-7, 7-6, 6-2 demolition job by fellow Russian Dinara Safina.

As Sharapova was booed out of Paris by a hostile crowd, Federer maintained his aura of calm to subdue the brave challenge of local hope Julien Benneteau 6-4, 7-5, 7-5 and reach the quarter-finals of Roland Garros for the fourth year running.

The Florida-based Sharapova had arrived in Paris announcing herself as the new face of a well-known jewellery company but during her nine-day stay in the French city, her game failed to sparkle.

"It's not easy trying to



Dinara Safina celebrates her fourth-round victory over Maria Sharapova yesterday the French Open at Roland Garros in Paris.

write an incredible story that everybody's going to love." said the Australian Open champion.

"As much as I want to go out there and do everything perfect, especially on this stuff, it's not as easy."

While Sharapova's hopes of completing a career grand slam stalled yesterday, Federer stepped up his pursuit of an elusive French Open crown with an entertaining win over Benneteau.

For the third match running, Federer got wet on court as the rain once again returned to Roland Garros. The top seed made sure his title hopes were not washed away and he booked a lasteight showdown with talented Chilean Fernando Gonzalez

Benneteau, one of five Frenchman to reach the fourth round, got the partisan crowd going by showing off a range of slam dunk shots, but his repertoire could not save him from defeat at the hands of a man who has reached 15 successive grand slam semis.

The day ended on high for the French. Gael Monfils, who received a warning for being coached by his entourage in the stands, battled his way to a 7-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 win over a resurgent Ivan Ljubicic.

REUTERS

## Lakers a good bet to win it all

his season's Boston Celtics recorded the largest one-year improvement in NBA history (24-58 to 66-16), but they are long shots to win what counts most - the league's championship.

Oddsmakers have established Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers as heavy favourites over the Celts in the NBA Finals, which opens Thursday night.

The Lakers are \$1.95 favourites, meaning wagerers who take them must lay that much to win a dollar. If the Celts prevail. bettors would collect \$1.65 for every dollar they place on them.

» My hunch: Boston with the upset in seven games (with a reminder that I'm sometimes wrong) ... Oddsmakers have established Bryant as the series' MVP favourite. at 2.25-to-1. Then come the Celts' Kevin Garnett at +2.25-to-1 and Paul Pierce at +4.75-to-1 ... After last season, before they acquired Garnett and Ray Allen, the Celts were 300to-1 underdogs to capture this year's championship ... Oddsmakers also have issued this highly unusual prop bet: Will Charles Barkley be spotted on a casino gaming floor before the start of the 2008-2009 season? Payouts are +1.75 for a yes and -3.75 for a no. The ex-NBA-star-turned-analyst, who recently paid off a gambling debt of about \$400,000 US, has vowed on national TV that he'd refrain from gambling for at least a year.



» In baseball, sources

are telling us the Blue Jays and Seattle Mariners are bidding for catcher/first baseman Scott Hatteberg, released last week by the Cincinnati Reds ... The Chicago Cubs have won only one road series this season, yet they occupied first place heading into June for only the first time since 1908 ... The firstplace Tampa Bay Rays are for real (please check out my most recent MLB column at metronews.ca) but they still rank dead-last in AL attendance ... From the New York Daily News: The Yankees' Alex Rodriguez "must have been so bummed" after a recent loss that, during a postgame meal at Hooters in Baltimore, he dismissed a young fan who wanted his autograph. "Excuse me, Mr. Rodriguez, may I please have your autograph?" the excited 10year-old asked him. Rodriguez's response: "Beat it." He had two different words for the chesty waitress he bumped into as he left. "Nice ass."

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TONIGHT'S GAMES AMERICAN LEAGUE Toronto at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 Cleveland at Texas, 8:05 Baltimore at Minnesota, 8:10 Kansas City at Chicago W. Sox, 8:11 Detroit at Oakland, 10:05

# LA Angels at Seattle, 10:10 NATIONAL LEAGUE Houston at Philabelphia, 7:05 Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 7:05 Florida at Atlanta, 7:10 St. Louis at Washington, 7:10 Arizona at Milwaukee, 8:05 Chicago Cubs at San Diego, 10:05 Colorado at LA Dodgers, 10:10 N.Y. Mets at San Francisco, 10:15 SASSES14

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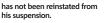


### »sports In Brief

» NHL The Toronto Maple Leafs reportedly moved a step closer to naming a new head coach

yesterday. TSN.ca reports Leafs interim GM Cliff Fletcher offered former San coach Ron Wilson Toronto's job, and is currently in negotiations

» NFL Cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones has been granted permission by the NFL to join his Dallas Cowbovs and pre-season games, but he



» MLB Texas Rangers outfielder Josh Hamilton vesterday was named the American League Player of the Month for May, the second consecutive monthly honour for the major league RBI leader.

NBA The Orlando Magic and general manager Otis Smith agreed to a multi-year contract extension yesterday. Terms were not released.

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# ENVIRONMENT |

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

# Watch and learn

Volunteers help to assess ecosystems

f you're looking to make a difference in your local environment, consider taking part in the NatureWatch program.

NatureWatch is a series of community-based programs, partnered between Nature Canada and Environment Canada's Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Network co-ordination office. In the programs, Environment Canada collects information on ecosystems and their plants and animals across the country to better understand how stressors such as global warming, acid rain and invasive species impact them, according to the web-

Currently, the series is divided up into four programs (details below) .:

### FrogWatch

**ENVIRONMENT** Canada speculates on its website that frogs and toads are particularly vulnerable to damage caused by pollution because they have semi-permeable skin and they live between water and land. They also act as an indicator species for the health of Canada's wetlands - environments that are integral to the country's biodiversity and natural health.

### **IceWatch**

WHILE THE warming of Canada's climate as a result of greenhouse gas



FrogWatch and WormWatch are part of a series of community-based programs called NatureWatch.

emissions is common knowledge, more information is needed about how climate change will impact different regions of Canada, and how ecosystems in those regions will react to that change. Ice cover can profoundly affect water temperature and chemistry, food supplies, trade, tourism and the breeding seasons and migration patterns of birds.

### PlantWatch

SPECIES OF PLANTS are blooming almost a month earlier than they were a century ago, scientists say, and they add global warming and climate change are largely to blame. The greatest increases in temperature are predicted for the West and the North.

 $\label{thm:continuous} \mbox{Volunteers in this program track}$ where and how fast the changes are taking place, and they learn more about the country's botanical diver-



### WormWatch

THIS PROGRAM uses earthworms to get a better grasp of how soil activities promote knowledge of the ground beneath us, and are key elements in collecting data used for a

### save the Earth

- » Use reusable cloths and rags instead of paper towels to clean.
- » Instead of using chemicals and paper towels to wash your windows, try 125 ml vinegar (1/2 cup) and 1L water (4 cups), and a
- » If spaced is limited, try growing organic vegetables in containers or window boxes.
- Have a garage sale to help recycle your unwanted items. Some-

one's trash is another's treasure. » Donate electronic equipment to

- specific recycling groups or recycle them. This will help reduce pressure on landfills.
- » When buying wooden fencing and garden furniture, consider whether the wood is from a wellmanaged forest. Deforestation is a serious problem in some areas of the world, leading to loss of top soil and flooding, amongst other

problems.

- When boating, avoid stirring up bottom sediment with propellers. Keep personal watercraft out of shallow areas that are critical habitat for spawning fish, aquatic plants, and aquatic invertebrates. >> Hunters and anglers should use
- non-lead shot and fishing gear so birds eating spent shot or lost sinkers will not be poisoned.
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- Registered communi-
- ties: 549
- » Registered workplaces: 4,166
- **Total kilometres**
- saved: 173,024
- » Total emmisions (GHG) saved: 27.046 kg
- » Total emmisions (Nox) saved: 131 kg
- » For more updates, or to register, check out the National Commuter Challenge website at www.
- commuterchallenge.ca. METRO NEWS SERVICES

### » going out

June 7, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ottawa (UUFO) is sponsoring a Sustainability Fair on Saturday. Visit displays of eco-friendly organizations, attend talks about gardening and lawn care, buy plants and used books, select from an allergy-sensitive organic vegetarian/vegan bake table. Find out how to live sustainably in the National Capital Region. Takes place at École élémentaire publique Séraphin-Marion, 2147 Loyola Ave., at Eastvale Drive (near Montreal Road & Ogilvie). For more, visit www.uufo.org.



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# Be the hostess that saves the most

Keep parties chic while cheap

Dear Smart Cookies, I recently started reading your weekly column and love it. You always provide such great advice and I am hopeful that you can help me out as well. Next month I am hosting a dinner party for six of my closest girlfriends. I am looking for ways that I can show everyone a great time without going broke in the process. Thoughts?

This weekend we hopped from one Sex and the City party to another, searching for great martinis and creative tips on how to throw an unforgettable get together that



your guests will think cost you a fortune (it was hard work but someone had to do it!) and here's what we uncovered.

DRINKS: If you're serving wine, buy a less expensive (but tasty) boxed wine and then put it in a beautiful decanter. Don't you worry, your guests will never know the difference and you'll be

richer for it. You will save up to 25 per cent. And to stretch your wine even further, consider serving Sangria, which can be made with inexpensive white or reds, along with soda, fruit, juices and brandy.

Or better yet, rather than serving wine, serve hard liquor. A 750 ml bottle of wine will pour 6 drinks, while a 26 oz. bottle of vodka will serve 26 drinks. That's more than four times the drinks! And instead of offering an extensive bar, serve your own house cocktail. Martini anvone? **DINNER**: For dinner parties, hit up your local farmer's market or ethnic market for fruits, veggies and even meats. You will spend a fraction of what you would



Cheers to pulling off a great dinner party without breaking the

pay at a large grocery chain. We found beef tenderloin at the local grocery store for \$49.47 and we were able to get the same cut of meat at our local butcher for \$35.97 - 28% less!

If cooking gourmet specialty items is your thing, test out a local cooking studio where you can prep

your meal ahead of time. These trendy studios offer wannabe chefs a variety of recipes, in which all ingredients and cooking supplies are included at a Smart Cookie Approved price. You then take the meal home uncooked and simply follow the cooking instructions on the day of your party. Cost

average is about \$5 per serv-

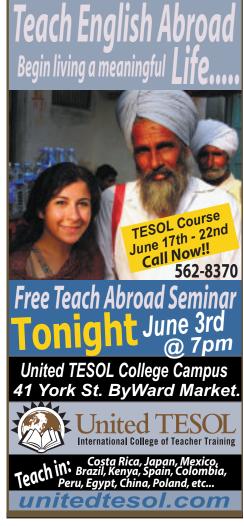
DESSERT: Don't be shy. When your guests ask if they can bring something, your answer should always be "yes"! Dessert is a great item to suggest your guests bring. But whether it's a dessert, an appetizer, or a bottle of wine, don't be afraid to ask because your guests will be glad to contribute.

Bon appétit!

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### Cottage conundrum



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Since 1974, my wife and I owned a cottage. We seldom use the cottage but my kids and grandchildren enjoy its use all summer. If we sell the cottage, will we be subject to tax? If we are, can I gift the property to kids and avoid the taxes? - GERRY AND LORRAINE

Prior to December 31. 1981 it may have been possible to claim a capital gain exemption on the cottage. However, after 1981 an exemption can only be claimed on one principal residence per family unit. Family members include spouses, common law partners and children under 18 years of age. Therefore, any sale or transfer of ownership would be subject to capital gains, including gifting.

Individuals should check with their financial advisor/accountant for special



Readers ask about 'gifting' the cottage to avoid taxes.

capital gains exemption election filed on their behalf with CRA. Individuals that owned capital property (includes real estate, stocks, etc.) on February 22, 1994 had an opportunity to crystallize capital gains at this date and not be subject to tax. This "crystallization" would effectively increase the cost of the property and therefore reduce future capital gains tax. With the escalating prices in stock market and real estate, including cottage property, timely and proper tax planning is a necessity. Consult a tax professional, they may not eliminate your tax liability but may minimize or prolong (defer) the collection.

Henry Choo Chong, CGA provides professional accounting and taxation solutions for individuals, businesses and corporations. E-mail all questions to Money Matters: choochonghcga@yahoo.ca.

# mind&body



Studies show that artificial colouring — often found in candies — affects children's central nervous systems and heart rates.

### Athletic date ideas:

- 1. Batting cage followed by beers
- 2. Rock climbing, below, followed by smoothies.
- 3. Kayaking followed by sushi.
- 4. Hiking and a picnic.
- 5. Salsa dancing followed by tapas dinner
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# metr Sweat education

From the editors of alive magazine; alive.metro@ alive.com

An old euphemism says, "Horses sweat, men perspire, and women glow." Whatever we choose to call it – sweat, perspiration, or a healthy glow – the body's cooling mechanism is truly ingenious.

Sweat, essentially odourless, can become rather pungent once exposed to bacteria. A sizeable industry has grown to address people's concerns about body odour, and a wide variety of products are available to help guard us against the perceived evils of perspiration. Consumers are beginning to ask questions about antiperspirants, deodorants, and their ingredients.

### What do these products do exactly?

» Antiperspirants work by blocking sweat ducts, thereby reducing sweat production. They may also contain ingredients to inhibit bacteria growth.

Deodorants help prevent or reduce body odour, without reducing sweating. Some combination of fragrances, antibacterial ingredients, and ingredients that change the pH of the underarm area (making it a less hospitable place for bacteria to live) is usually included.

### Are there risks?

» Concerns have arisen over aluminum salts - found in some antiperspirants - and their relation to

Alzheimer's disease, and whether underarm products containing parabens can increase breast cancer risk.

Research has yet to provide conclusive evidence to support these fears. Nonetheless, certain ingredients do have consumers concerned, not only for their own well-being but also for the environment into which tons of personalcare product chemicals are washed every year.

Concerns have arisen over the safety of various perspiration

products. Look for paraben-, aluminum salt-, and/or scent-free.

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### What's in your deodorant?

You may wish to look for deodorant or antiperspirant products that don't contain these ingredients: » Aluminum salts (alu-

minum chlorohydrate): block sweat gland ducts. » Parabens: may cause skin irritation.

Fragrances (including natural scents): may irritate sensitive skin and other symptoms.

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# 400 dates documented

f the recent hype over Sex And The City: The Movie has taught us anything, it's that in a world of sex, love and confusion, many of us look for inspiration on sorting out our relationships from wherever we can get it.

However, the best lessons about the opposite sex often come from real life experiences — from the horrifying dates that make us swear off dating to the exhilarating ones that bring us back to it.

With more than 400 first dates from a three and a half year time frame in her arsenal, Carissa Reiniger is familiar with both the ups and downs of dating and all that exists in between.

"One guy brought me apple butter on the first date," she laughs. "He gave it to me because he said he thought I was the kind of girl who would

girl who would like apple butter."

I wonder if a second date would have gotten her a loaf of bread to accompany the sweet treat.

Other memorable moments from

her dating life thus far include the hopeless romantic who showed up for their casual date in a full suit with a dozen roses, the man who spent the evening desperately trying to convince her he was a brain surgeon, and a guy who waited until the end of their great date to mention he had a girlfriend.

It's stories like these that made the 25-year-old entre-

preneur, who grew up in Edmonton but now lives in Toronto, parlay her own experiences as

**DATING JUNGLE** well as KASIA IGLINSKI countless datingjungle@metronews.ca more from other

women into a book called Stories From Our Black Books.

"There are so many books and plays and movies based on fiction, trying to come up with all of these crazy stories that people think are interesting enough to create material out of. But I think fact is a thousand times more interesting

than fiction," says Reiniger on why she's brought these stories from women on love and dating to the forefront.

One story that sticks out in Reiniger's mind is the woman who waited excitedly for her date to pick her up ... until she saw the four dead coyotes in the back of his truck.

But more than the entertainment value these stories have is the truths about relationships we can all glean from them.

"So many women are on the search for love, but the reality is I don't think you can be in a good relationship until you are in a good place as an individual," says Reiniger.

"It is a journey for everyone. If we're in a relationship that's not good the only person who can



Author Carissa Reiniger discusses the real life ups and downs of dating in her book Stories From Our Black Books.

change that is ourselves, or if we're in a relationship that's great the only person who can keep it that way is ourselves."

For more information

visit storiesfromourblackhooks.com.

Kasia Iglinski is a journalist who enjoys her work and her dating life. Armed with a notepad and a curious mind, she's always on the prowl for a good story and a good date.

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While it may be surprising to many of you, there can be a strong link between your dental health and joint replacement surgery. The key is to guard against infections.

The problem is the bacteria that can build up in the form of calculus on your teeth and around the gum line. Not only can it cause periodontal disease, if it gets into the blood stream, it can spread to other parts of the body, including your replaced joint. This can result in a serious infection to your replaced joint.

Medical doctors and orthopedic surgeons are so concerned about thepotentialfor infection, some are recommending patients undergo a dental exam before they have joint replacement surgery. They want to reduce the likelihood of periodontal disease causing an infection to the replaced joint. In fact, some doctors feel that periodontal disease can be an

issue for up to two years after joint replacement. During this period, the area around the replaced joint is continuing to heal. An infection could compromise that healing process.

Fortunately, this bacteria can usually be controlled by antibiotics. If you have periodontal disease, antibiotic

disease, antibiotics may be prescribed before your joint replacement surgery. If you had a joint replaced within the last two years, your dentist or doctor may recommend antibiotics before dental treatments such as periodontal or oral surgery. In fact, the American Academy of OrthopedicSurgeonsrecommends this be done.

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Dr. Bao Ngyuen

Dental Surgeon

In either case, open communication is vital. It is up to you to advise your dentist that you have had or will soon have joint replacement surgery. Do not assume that your entire medical history is irrelevant to your overall dental health.

The truth is that your dentist is part of a team that supports your overall health. We all have to work together to take proper care of you, our patients.

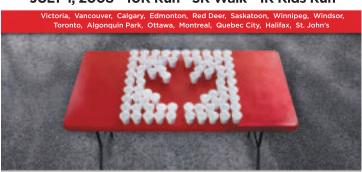
So please, never assume surgery to one part of your body has no bearing on another, distant part of your body. It is

geon another, distant part of your body. It is all one body. And just like that childhood song, the thigh bone is connected to the hip bone. Eventually, the knee bone and the hip bone are connected to the jaw bone. The body works together to look after itself. Your dentist may have to work with your orthopedic surgeon to take care of your health too!

So remember, advising any health care practitioner about your medical condition and history is a healthy habit...and healthy habits lead to healthy lives.



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# entertainment

Former American Idol contestant Katharine McPhee, left, is starring in the indie psychological drama The Storyteller.

# Major shows set to return

CTV rolls out its fall lineup

By **SANDY CAETANO** for Metro Ottawa

It was an evening of glitz and glamour as CTV rolled out the red carpet and pulled out the big guns, offering all those in attendance at their 2008 Upfront Presentation sneak peaks of their new fall season lineup.

In addition to a look at their new fall 2008 schedule, journalists, media executives, advertising partners and other TV big wigs got to schmooze at Toronto's Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts with all the stars.

Stars at the event included Enrico Colantoni (Just Shoot Me, Veronica Mars), Amy Jo Johnson (Felicity, What About Brian), Hugh Dillon (Durham County), Mary Murphy (So You Think You Can Dance Canada, guest judge), Dan Karaty (So You Think You Can Dance Canada, guest judge), and Leah Miller (So You Think You Can Dance Canada, host). Also on hand performing her hit Seven Day Fool was Canadian Idol's newest member, R&B singer Jully Black.

CTV announced their fall lineup along with the first ever cross-country, Fall



Four sevenths of the principal cast of Corner Gas at the CTV 2008 Upfront presentation at the Four Seasons Centre in Toronto, the last for the group, whose show begins its final season in the fall.

2008 Schedule for "A" (formerly A-Channel).

The two schedules will complement each other featuring Canada's mostwatched programs, breakthrough freshmen hits and seven, new big buzz series

The announcement comes as CTV ends the 2007/08 broadcast season as Canada's No. 1 network among total viewers for the seventh consecutive year.

A total of 18 of Canada's Top 20 shows will be returning to CTV and A – Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles, Grey's Anatomy, ER, Lost, CSI: NY, Criminal Minds, Law & Order, Desperate Housewives and more.

"CTV has the most stable schedule in North American

broadcasting. Nevertheless, as we did during the strike, we will continue to engage viewers with fresh new content in the few openings we have available," said Susanne Boyce, President, Creative, Content and Channels, CTV Inc.

Two of the seven new series include Flashpoint the Canadian-produced series to be simulcast with CBS, and the world premiere of The Listener, the Canadian-produced series airing in the U.S. on NBC and in 175 other countries.

The others are So You Think You Can Dance Canada, Fringe, The Mentalist, Eleventh Hour and Star Wars: The Clone Wars, a new series from Lucasfilm Animation.

For more visit www.ctv.ca.

### O'Neal busted for drugs

Oscar-winner Tatum O'Neal was arrested on suspicion of

buying drugs on the streets of New York City Sunday, police said yesterday.

The New York Daily News reported O'Neal, 44, was caught buy-

ing crack cocaine from a homeless street vendor three blocks from her home.

A police spokesman said she was seen buying a controlled substance from a man in Manhattan's Lower East Side

She has a court date of July 28.

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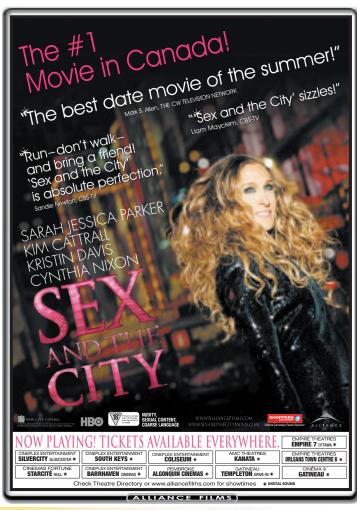
### project

### Pitt to design Dubai hotel

**PEOPLE** Actor Brad Pitt has been named designer of a green hotel and resort in Dubai, People.com reports.

Pitt will be part of a team of design consultants for the 800-room, five-star hotel.

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Harold Perrineau, left, who plays Michael on ABC's Lost, has been tapped for a one-hour ABC pilot called The Unusuals. The show is a dramedy set at a New York police precinct.

### ticket sales

## Indy, Sex lead foreign box office

MOVIES Sex And The City logged a sizzling opening in 13 foreign territories, but it was not enough to unseat Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull. The fourth installment in the adventure franchise earned an estimated US \$71.5 million from 60 territories — far short of the record secondweekend tally of \$103.2 million recorded last year Pirates Of The Caribbean: At World's End. Sex And The City, which enjoyed a US \$56 million opening in North America, earned \$39.2 million overseas, playing in key European territories as well as Turkey, Israel, Singapore, South African, Puerto Rico and Iceland.

## Ferrell doesn't foul out in Semi-Pro

### Semi-Pro: Let's Get Sweaty Edition

Stars: Will Ferrell, Woody

Distributor: Alliance DVD

THE '70S IS a gift that keeps on giving for Will Ferrell, a comic Narnia to which the comedian seems destined to keep returning to for inspiration. With Semi-Pro, Ferrell and director Kent Alterman baste the underdog sports picture in thick coating of the '70s, a not altogether pleasurable marinade that refers liberally to ugly clothes, creepy sex, nasty drugs and the last guiltless public embrace of drinking and smoking.

Ferrell plays Jackie Moon, an indifferently talented musician who, in



true '70s style, made a fortune off a one hit wonder, and used the earnings to make himself an owner, coach and player of an American Basketball Association franchise team based out of his hometown of Flint, Michigan, a luckless, last-place outfit better known for its flamboyant promotions than scoring.

He thinks his dreams have come true when the league merges with the NBA, but the catch is only the top four teams will make it, so he trades the team's washing machine for the only player willing to come to Flint and try to give the team a shot at coveted fourth place, a washed up bench jockey played by Woody Harrelson.

The film is typical Ferrell, at its best during a couple of ensemble set pieces and when the star gives full reign to his love of humiliation, but it's motivated by an obvious love for the flashy, dopey antics of the ABA, with its red, white and blue ball and high-scoring play. In a bonus feature devoted to the long-gone league, we learn how much the modern NBA owes to its dirty little brother, and how much of the ABA's shameless style was absorbed into the basketball mainstream, from half-time court shows to slam-dunking.

### Meet The Spartans

Stars: Diedrich Bader, Ken Davitian

**Distributor:** 20th Century Fox DvD

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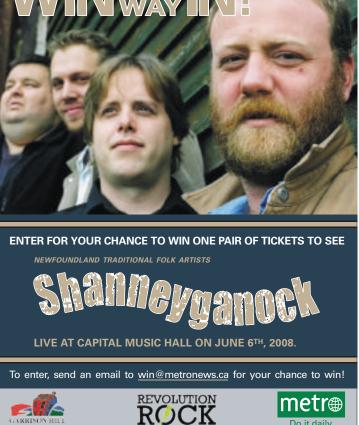
FOR THOSE OF us who loved Mad magazine in its '70s heyday, it's nice to see its classic movie parodies are being immortalized with movies like Meet The Spartans. Even if you loved 300, the frame-by-frame recreation of Frank Miller's comic book, it's hard not to laugh at the obvious gags trotted out here, from the glaring homoeroticism to the eve-popping acting style employed by everyone from Gerard Butler on down

#### more online

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Unfortunately, there are too many groan-inducing gags, like the inevitable and threadbare shot at Paris Hilton, and a long scene involving the bottomless pit of death is only intermittently cathartic pop culture purging. The virtue of Mad's movie parodies, however, is they were short; even with several re-readings to sayour the better gags, they could be consumed during the average weekend drive to your grandparents' house, and never wore out their welcome as relentlessly as a film like Meet The Spartans.





Danny Glover, right, along with Thandie Newton and Oliver Platt are in discussions to join 2012, the latest disaster movie from Godzilla director Roland Emmerich. The film is about the survivors of

# a global cataclysm; Glover would play the U.S. president. REUTERS

# Putting King out to pasture

### **TWILIGHT OF THE GODS:**

Well, I'm glad to read that CNN is at least contemplating the possibility of a day without Larry King on their network.

You know it's summer when most of the news you get arrives in the form of rumour - in this case. speculation that the network will be offering King's chair and red suspenders to Jay Leno when the time finally comes for the 74-year-old host of Larry King Live to retire.

Leno, as we know, is leaving The Tonight Show next year, his bosses at NBC having decided to transplant Conan O'Brien from the east to west coast and into an earlier time slot in the search for younger demographics. Leno isn't exactly



happy about it, and he's been quietly - but not too quietly, as this is Hollywood - shopping around for a new gig with the potential to make his soon-tobe-former bosses realize their mistake.

According to Bill Zwecker of the Chicago Sun-Times, ABC and Fox have been talking to Leno, but it's CNN who want to offer him "a late-night



Is CNN's ancient and clueless host Larry King on his way out? Metro columnist Rick McGinnis can only hope

chatfest that could morph into Leno replacing Larry King." It's all in the realm of fantasy right now, apparently, and Leno could find himself growing old in his holding-pattern CNN show waiting to replace King. who was, after all, the first journalist to interview Marconi after his landmark first wireless broadcast between England and Newfoundland's Signal Hill in 1901, a seminal moment in the young journalist's career, albeit one that was captured for posterity on a zoetrope, as Marconi was, after all, just inventing

broadcasting at the time.

I've never made a secret of my mystification at King's longevity at hosting soft-soap, often befuddled interviews with guests who are either friends and therefore very forgiving, or just openly bemused at the kindly but clueless old man on the other side of the table. The best King shows are inevitably the ones where some wary zookeeper brings a bunch of animals on the show. most of which - badgers, raccoons, even squirrels -King claims never to have heard of before. Leno, for all of his shortcomings, would be an improvement on an exponential scale.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movie books and television, but not opera.

### strike fears

### Howard in talks to join Terminator



FILM Actress Bryce Dallas Howard is in talks to replace Charlotte Gain-

sbourg in Terminator Salvation: The Future Begins. Gainsbourg was to play Kate Connor, the wife of human resistance hero John Connor, played by Christian Bale. The actress had to bow out because of scheduling conflicts with another film, a French comedy

Production on the fourth entry in the Terminator franchise is underway. If an actors strike were to happen after the Screen Actors Guild contract expires on June 30, shooting would stop and then restart at a later date, potentially conflicting with the French film.

### fonz in bronze

### Statue to honour **Happy Days star**



Happy Days stars Henry Winkler

**TELEVISION** 

as The Fonz (Fonzie), Marion Ross (Mrs. Cunningham), Tom Bosley (Mr. Cunningham), Erin Moran (Joanie), Don Most (Ralph Malph) and Anson Williams (Potsie) will return to Milwaukee on Aug. 19 for the dedication of a bronze Fonzie statue on the RiverWalk in downtown.

### eco author

### McEwan tackles climate change

**BOOKS** Best-selling British author Ian McEwan surprised an audience at the Hay literary festival in Wales by reading a preview extract from his novel in progress, due in about two years. The as-yet-untitled book tells the story of Nobel prize-winner Michael Beard, and his attempts to save the world from environmental damage. "The way to write about climate change is through writing about human nature," said McEwan. REUTERS

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### critics'corner—

As depressing as it is, most women are far more vulnerable than men to attack. In "Stand on Your Man," Roseanne (Roseanne Arnold) gets accosted while closing the diner for the night. The experience is so devastating that she decides she and the other women (Lau-rie Metcalf, Estelle Parsons) working at the restaurant need to take self-defense courses. Morgan Fairchild and Terri Treas guest star. 10:30 PM on 43 CMT



Scott Rolen and the Toronto Blue Jays get their second look at the division rival New York Yankees. whom they visit for three games beginning tonight. Their first look back in early April didn't go so well as Hideki Matsui and the Bronx Bombers took two of three from the Jays to open the season, a series marked by the type of anemic offense - eight earned runs over three games that has plagued Toronto so far this year. 7 PM on 27 net

# celebritybuzz

# Coming ou

indsay Lohan has allegedly passed on an offer by OK! magazine to say she's gay. According to the New York Post's pagesix.com, insiders say that Lohan and OK! are in talks to do a cover where Lohan "comes out" about her relationship with gal pal Samantha Ronson, and the mag has offered her "around \$1 million to do the cover." One source said, "Lindsay really wants this to happen and she needs the money." Lohan's rep however denies there's a deal, saying, "They sent offers and we passed." OK! said, "We don't comment on future editorial.

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### Rihanna wants to team up with Winehouse

R&B star Rihanna wants to record a "feminist anthem" for her next album with fellow chart-toppers Amy Winehouse and Duffy. According to femalefirst.co.uk, the hitmaker has drawn up a wish list of musicians and producers she wants to work with when she next hits the studio, with Winehouse, Duffy, and Winehouse-collaborator Mark Ronson right at the top. Rihanna talks of a 'dream team with Winehouse and Duffy: "How amazing would that be? We've all got three different voices, it would be brilliant. Now that would be a feminist anthem. I love Amy. I think she's great, so unique. I love her album. And I also love what Duffy is doing, she's brilliant, as well."

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### Ford denies wedding rumours

Harrison Ford has blasted rumours he is planning to marry longtime girlfriend Calista Flockhart this summer, imdb.com reports. Some have suggested the pair, who have dated since 2002, will make their union formal as soon as Ford finishes promotional duties on the new Indiana Jones movie. But a representative for the 65-yearold insists marriage reports are "tabloid rumour and nothing more."

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### Murphy replaced

Brittany Murphy has been dropped by Disney from the forthcoming Tinker Bell film, according to imdb.com. Murphy was to provide the voice of Tinker Bell in an upcoming animated film about the Peter Pan fairy, but has since allegedly been replaced by 19-year-old Mae Whitman. Murphy's acting career has stalled in recent years with the star receiving more attention for her personal life than for her film





















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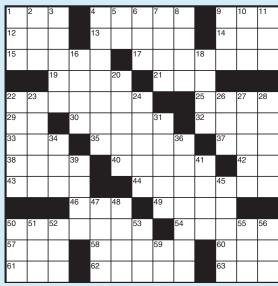
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#### ARIES | March 21-April 20

There'll be a brief period to make a move. You'll be told what to do next. Get in touch with lost friends.



### TAURUS | April 21-May 21

Your lack of gumption has made someone uneasy. Don't wait for the truth to be told. A helpful human gives you fresh hope.



### GEMINI | May 22-June 21

A loving person's magic exceeds all bounds. A surprise ensues when airing opposing views. Confusion over legality complicates things.



### CANCER | June 22-July 22

Existential weariness won't get the work done. Get cracking on an unresolved issue. Frustration affects your creativity.



### LEO July 23-Aug. 23

An opponent remembers your savoir-faire. Face something that you've been avoiding. A bad boy has left the building.



A work situation will influence your decisions. Change an attitude that gets in the way of efficiency. A boss is grateful for your consideration.



### LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23

An advantage is found at work. A relative interferes with the business at hand. A friendly enemy will make a shoulder available.



### SCORPIO Oct. 24- Nov. 22

Too much denial must be witnessed. A team stages a rebellion. A snooping person gets a higher position.



### SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21

Meet with a mechanic for fresh insight. An apathetic person has an issue with discrimination. A kinky friend causes distress.



### CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20

A visitor has better news than you expected. Whining about authority will kick off a peculiar change. A break-up is imminent.



### AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Yielding to a lover will thaw out relations. Permit destiny to take over for ease and comfort. Check up on people even if you're busy.



#### PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Sassy comebacks face disciplinary action. Make time for a lonely senior. A lovely woman moves you with her words. AVATAR VENUS

### This Day IN HISTORY

June 3, 1620: Construction of the oldest stone church in French North America. Notre-Dame-des-Anges, be

gins at Quebec City. June 3, 1885: Last military engagement fought on Canadian soil: Cree leader

Big Bear escapes the North West Mounted Police.

June 3, 1889: The Canadian Pacific Railway is completed from coast to coast.

June 3, 1935: One thousand unemployed Canadian workers board freight cars in Vancouver, beginning a protest trek to Ottawa.

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### **Tonight**



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13°/10

Wednesday



Variable. 22°/15°



Variable. 26°/21°



Records High: 31.1°/1949 Low: 2.2°/1945

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Smart

Sunrise: 5:16 a m Sunset: 8:45 p.m. Moonrise: 4:32 a.m. Moonset: 9:19 p.m.

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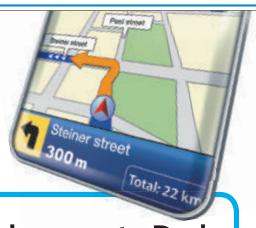
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